

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING AND SHARING COMMON BLOCKS IN AN OBJECT STORAGE SYSTEM**

the specification of which:  
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is attached hereto.  
 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior U.S. Applications:

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: We hereby appoint, Marc McSwain, Registration No. 44,929, T. Rao Coca, Registration No. 29,784, Leonard T. Guzman, Registration No. 46,308, Mark C. McCabe 53,291, Daniel E. Johnson, Registration No. 37,033, Frederick W. Gibb, III, Registration No. 37,629, and Sean M. McGinn, Registration No. 34,386 to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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**Title of Invention for SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING AND SHARING COMMON BLOCKS IN AN  
OBJECT STORAGE SYSTEM**

United States Patent

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